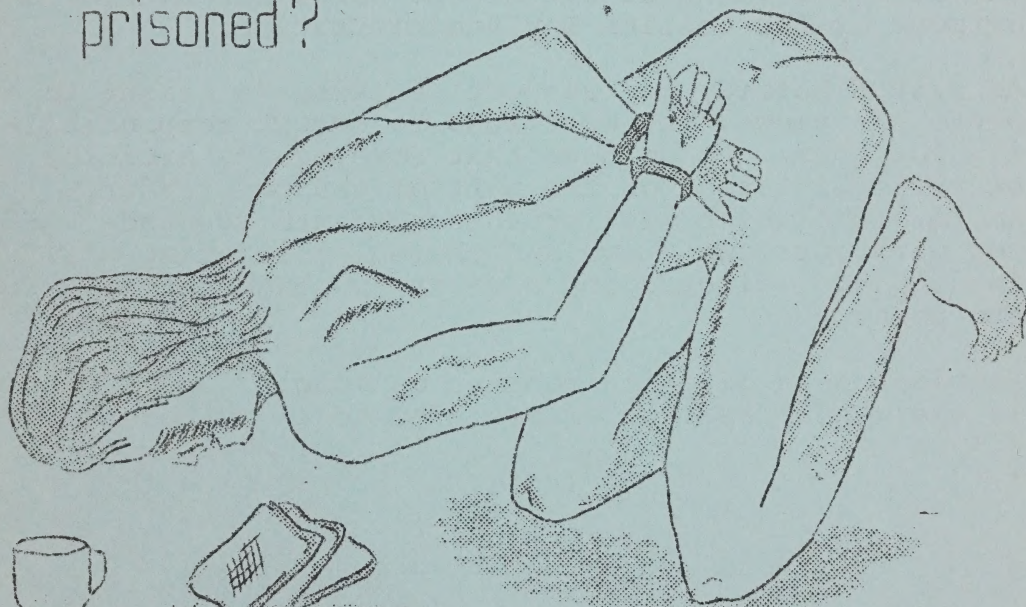


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THE 'CHINESE' CELL

The CPS promoting respect for the law and its agencies among the imprisoned?



....Inmate testifies. (See page 3)

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The VIEW From HERE

by
George
Watson

The switching of Cabinet posts that saw Otto Lang, moved from Justice Minister to Transport will not interfere with legislation that Lang had prepared for introduction in the fall session of Parliament. This legislation deals with gun control, parole, bail, sentences, temporary absences and the handling of dangerous offenders. This bill is being introduced in lieu of the return of capital punishment.

Both Lang and Solicitor General Warren Allmand are abolitionists and instead of having the courage of their convictions and remaining firm, they are going to appease the public by punishing all prisoners whether they are serving a sentence for murder or not, by tightening parole and lengthening sentences for certain crimes.

The sentencing for criminal

offenders has more than doubled in the past fifteen years and now, Lang is going to increase them further. Paroles have dropped over the past few years and now Lang is going to tighten parole laws further.

The effects of these new laws are that inmates are going to spend a longer time in prison. In Lang's haste to appease the public he is neglecting to consider some very pertinent facts.

The Solicitor General in a speech he made in Toronto told his audience, "If any of you think that inmates in Canadian Penitentiaries have it soft, let me assure you that I can bring you to some of our maximum security prisons where none of you would last a week.

Mr. Lang admitted to a group of British Columbia law students that some Canadian

prisons are a "crying shame"

Both of these men are aware of the conditions in some of our prisons and yet, the one thing that they come up with is laws ensuring that prisoners will spend more time there and have a harder time to get out.

Perhaps these two men are suffering from a lapse of memory and have forgotten that there were two major riots in an eight-year period because of prison conditions. Perhaps they are also unaware of the Swackhammer Report which was a study of why the riot at K.P. in 1971 occurred.

The conditions in places like Millhaven are a great deal worse than they ever were in Kingston Penitentiary. Instead of doing something to alleviate the conditions, they are going to keep men there longer.

What are the conditions?

The Swackhammer Report admitted that 86 inmates were forced to run a gauntlet of guards swinging nightsticks after the transfer from KP to Millhaven.

use of tear gas, beatings, dogs turned loose on inmates in their cells and the heavy use of segregation as a form of punishment (inmates locked in their cells 23½ hours daily) finally brought MP's into Millhaven with the result that some guards were transferred, but some of them are now back in Millhaven.

A Millhaven inmate testified under oath that for a period of 30 days, he was kept naked, without blankets, and handcuffed and shackled in the "Chinese" cell in Millhaven. The Chinese cell is a cell without any bed or water facilities. There is a hole in the floor for toilet purposes. This inmate slept naked and ate his meals while his hands were handcuffed behind his back. Think about it!

The psychiatric wings in penitentiaries are always full to capacity. These are not full of inmates who were ruled insane by the courts, instead, they are inmates that have "cracked" under the strain of serving time under conditions that exist in our penitentiaries.

The reports of indiscriminate There are numerous suicide

attempts every year. Many inmates slash their wrists and other parts of their bodies. Some hang themselves. In Prince Albert Penitentiary, over a two-year period, 15 inmates killed themselves. Less than a year ago, an inmate in Millhaven took his own life.

The public won't, or don't want to believe what the inmates tell them is happening in some of our prisons. The public wants to think that Canada is too civilized for brutality but all they have to do is read their newspapers or listen to their radios and others will tell on themselves. At the meeting with Warren Allmand, guard representatives called for the return of the strap and the lash! It was even suggested that electrical shock treatments be administered for "disciplinary purposes".

Just who the hell does the guards union think they are? What makes them think that they have the right to practice their sadistic pleasures on another human being just because he broke the law? We are not sent to prison to be punished! Our removal from society is our

punishment. There are four cases to my knowledge of men who have gone through some of these tortures and what happened when they became free is worth while thinking about.

One inmate who was tear-gassed regularly, beaten, and had dogs turned loose on him was released and in less than a month stabbed six people he didn't even know!

Another inmate gained his release unlawfully and shot three people in order to avoid being returned to the concentration camp atmosphere.

A young inmate took three people hostage in order to gain his freedom and avoid being returned to prison.

The man who led police a merry chase in the North Bay area was also a graduate of Millhaven. He was in solitary confinement in KP all through the riot because of a roll of toilet paper. He couldn't have participated in the riot as he was in the hole but he was one of the men who had to run the gauntlet and when he protested afterward, he was transferred to the

THE 'CORRECTIONAL' PHILOSOPHY

by
don
geouvreau

Various newspapers across the country recently covered a meeting held in Ottawa between the delegates of the correctional officers' union and their superiors, Solicitor General Warren Allmand and Justice Minister Otto Lang. According to the papers, there were some suggestions offered by the union delegates concerning the care and control of federal prisoners.

I do not propose to get down in the gutter and get into a childish name-calling contest with these "gentlemen" who are being paid to ensure that we fulfill the sentences handed down by the courts. However, there are a few things that they said that I would like to comment on.

I have never seen a detailed job description of a federal prison guards' duties, but I doubt that these duties include tell-

ing the Solicitor General how to do his job. Especially, when the most intelligent suggestion they can offer is that we should all get our hair cut so that we won't be so hard to recognize!

Some of the union delegates also favour the return of corporal punishment to federal prisons as a means of "reaching" the "simple minds" of prisoners and restoring "discipline". It is fortunate that these men are not employed in mental institutions where there are people who are "simple minded", and unable to defend themselves. One of the most serious factors that undermined discipline in Canadian prisons in the past was the use of the strap and lash. Respect has to be earned. It will not be gained by threats of sadistic punishments.

The suggestion that family

visits be stopped in maximum and medium security institutions in order to stop the "flow" of contraband in prisons is - to say the least - grossly misleading. Visiting in maximum security prisons is done behind bullet-proof glass with absolutely no physical contact, thereby making it impossible for visitors to "pass" contraband to prisoners. If shotguns, guns, etc. were found in Archambault, there is only one person who could have brought them in and that person is not any prisoner's visitor.

In medium security, although there isn't anything separating the prisoner and his visitor and some physical contact is allowed, both the prisoner and his visitor must pass through electronic metal-detectors and prisoners are subjected to personal searches before and after their visits. The visits are also held under close surveillance and supervision.

In spite of the irrefutable fact that violent offenders serving long sentences have proven themselves to be the most successful parolees, the union delegation still called for the return of

capital punishment. The guards' union doesn't only want to make the laws for running the prisons, they want to make the laws for the country.

In essence, then, the union recommendations amounted to: "hang 'em, beat 'em, and don't allow them to kiss their wives and kids."

If these suggestions were taken seriously, it would ensure that the jails would always be full and there would never be a threat of unemployment for the guards.

During this meeting, Mr. Allmand was subjected to jeers and catcalls from the union representatives. That kind of behaviour needs no comment, it speaks for itself.

The use of the term "garbage" in reference to inmates and the suggestion that electric shock treatments be used as punishment is an illustration of the type of person who is responsible for the care of people who are sent to the prisons by the courts.

I may be a "simple-minded" inmate but I don't have to resort to name-calling to

make my point especially in shown by their statements replying to these union re- and actions to the Solicitor presentatives. They have General what they are.

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BRUTALITY TOWARDS PRISONERS IN ATTICA RIOT REVEALED

(Reprinted from Ottawa Citizen)

A National Guardsman testified that prison guards and state troopers pulled wounded inmates from stretchers, then beat and stabbed them following the retaking of Attica Prison in 1971

James O'Day, 28, now an Amherst high school biology teacher, was the fifth witness at a hearing ordered by State Supreme Court Justice Ann Mikoll.

The hearing is to determine if the state is engaging in selective prosecution of crimes committed during the four-day prison uprising in which 43 men were killed.

O'Day cried as he told of helping a wounded black prisoner from a prison hospital to his cell. The man had been shot.

A small white man wearing a green hunting jacket accosted the stretcher-bearers

he said.

"He picked up the end of the stretcher and he dumped the prisoner off and he fell onto his shoulder and head and bounced off the floor," O'Day testified.

"then, the man came over, pulled out a screwdriver and stabbed the prisoner five or six times."

O'Day said he told state investigators about this incident and others but was never called before a grand jury investigating the uprising.

O'Day did not specify whether the man in the green coat was a state trooper or an off-duty prison guard.

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The evolution of man is slow.
The injustice of man is great.

- Oscar Wilde -

LAW CORNER

John David Prince

Whether he is aware of it or not, man is governed by the law from the day of his birth to the day of his death, and after. His birth must be registered according to law, and after his death, his remains must be disposed of according to law. While he is on this earth he is never out of contact with the law. (Excluding any Robinson Crusoes).

He may take a positive interest in law, or he may unconsciously observe the law everyday of his life, by living up to the image of a law-abiding citizen. A law-abiding citizen can be described briefly as a person who does some of the following: keeps his hands off people and property not his, honours his work contract, pays for his purchases (honours a sales contract) and assaults no one, verbally or physically.

Everybody is, or should be

interested in law and the reasons for it. The law is our business to know. In fact, ignorance of the law will not excuse you if you should find yourself in a court for violating a law.

Apparently, from the dawn of history (Adam and Eve), we have needed law. The weaker people had to be protected from their aggressive neighbour. For some reason or other, man displays aggression and dishonesty (Konrad Lorenz) towards one another. He is the only higher primate that deliberately steals and kills his own kind.

It is well known that crime is relative. It is universalistic, as is love, but criminal events are solely identified by the members of a particular society as such. For example, polygamy in North America is a crime, in Arabia, it isn't. Durkheim suggested that laws were constructed to protect the 'sentiments' of our soc-

iety. These sentiments would reflect the value we hold towards specific behaviour.

In any society, we might ask the question, "Who decides which values are worthwhile?" In former days it could be a chief of a tribe, a king, a bandit, or the House of Commons. It may be necessary to query how laws are developed. Is it corporate power influencing the law makers? Is it the man on the street? Is it the poor or the rich? Is it a politician with a hidden agenda?

Presently, the Canadian public, according to the newspaper surveys, want changes in law ranging from curfews for teenagers to capital punishment for any crime involving the death of another person. (Although there is no clamour for the death penalty for motorists who kill using a car as a weapon!) Some politicians are struggling to deal with these matters in a responsible way. They are torn between answering their constituents desires and their ideas on a civilized culture.

It appears the path of current judicial reasoning is

not effective. In fact, according to Lord Devlin, the law was not meant to be the agent of teaching morals to our members of society.

The purpose of law, in Durkheim's opinion, was to be an indicator of the social ills within our society. We should focus our attention on the 'disease', not the person who contacted it, or the person who is a carrier. Our present approach to crime is rather confusing. On one hand, we often relate crime and correction with the medical model (identify the symptoms and then cure the disease), but what we are in fact doing, is identifying the symptoms (ie. the crime, rape, murder, robbery and so on) and attempting to stamp out the disease (the social conditions which give rise to the phenomena) by focusing our attention solely on the event, rather than the causes.

Behaviourists have been espousing for years that an effective method of behaviour modification is to ignore undesirable behaviour and reward desired behaviour. The swing to non-intervention by some revolutionary persons is certain-

ly an indication of the need to experiment with something different than whipping the criminal with the unrealistic idea that this will possibly affect our crime problem. The notion that severe sanctions will stop or curb crime is as outdated as phrenology.

Recently, a news commentator interviewed some prison guards about capital punishment and prison regulations. In the background could be heard other prison guards referring to inmates as "simple-minded", "garbage" and "animals". Jean Vanier has indicated in his lectures and writings that our prisons reflect our society. After hearing these prison guards, one hopes that this is not true. What kind of society do we have if they think this way?

Justice is a phenomenon whereby everyone is presumed to be equal before the courts. Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. became irate when an attorney would use this word when appealing to the eminent jurist. Holmes would point out to the attorney that what he sought was a favourable disposition over the other party; Victory!

If we visit a courtroom in any city, we are likely to observe modern day gladiators plying their trade. It can be associated with a chess game, Queen's pawn to Queen Four, etc. the language of the court, the mystique surrounding "voire dire", the "cognitive dissonance" when your attorney calls the prosecuting crown attorney "my friend". The law and legal procedure can be, and is, very confusing for the ordinary person not schooled in law. It would appear that the law has been written so that only certain persons would be able to interpret it. The legal procedure is shrouded with latin phrases, latin being a dead language, and of major concern to only students of classical history and medicine.

History illustrates that two important figures were elected on a "law and order" platform, Adolph Hitler and Richard Nixon. Canadians are on the verge of closely following in the footsteps of our counterparts in the United States. Gun laws are in the process of being tightened, prison sentences are increasing and parole policies are becoming more unreasonable for the inmate

A SOLUTION FOR COLLINS BAY

chuck armstrong

The editor was right when he wrote in the August issue that we are guilty of all the international conspiracies such as the Vietnam War, the unrest in the Middle East and the Oil Crisis.

Every day we are being blamed for more and more problems, ranging from the economic situation to taking Christ out of Christmas. In the Sept. 17th edition of the Toronto Star, there were letters from two citizens, Mr. Harold Alton and Ms. Muriel Eldridge that caught my interest.

Misinformed Muriel states: "prisons today are more like hotels compared to the old days". Well, Muriel old kid, I don't know where you did your last bit, but it's obvious you have served time from your vast knowledge of the prison system, but I doubt if it was at Collins Bay!

Good old Harry would have

us in prisons at the Arctic Circle where the temperature reaches 65 below zero (centigrade, no doubt!)

Now we hear that Warren Allmand, the Solicitor General, bowing to public pressure, is coming up with a new Omnibus Bill this fall placing further restrictions on parole, temporary absences and bail. (Who gets them, anyway?)

There is also a rumour circulating at the moment that when the Olympic Games are completed in Montreal, we will all be herded into the new domed stadium and the exits will be sealed!

So what do we do? Well, since we are being held responsible for all the international crises, why not take advantage of the situation, proclaim Collins Bay an independent republic and leave Canada. I'm sure the majority of our straight citizens wouldn't object.

Think of the possibilities! We could form our own government and diplomatic corps. The Deputy Director would make a fine ambassador to Ethiopia. (Is there enough in the welfare fund for a one-way ticket?)

We could form our own Army, Navy and Air Force. According to the prison guard's union meeting in Ottawa last week, there are enough weapons at the Archambault Institution every summer to equip an army. Perhaps, we could borrow some. Warkworth Institution had a contract not too long ago to build light aircraft for a civil organization. They could build our Air Force. For our Navy, well, Williams-Head Institution out on the West Coast has a fine sailing vessel tied up at their dock, perhaps we could finagle that.

As an underdeveloped nation we could get a seat in the United Nations and play the United States against the Soviet Union for technological advice and other forms of support.

Unfortunately, many of the present staff would have to leave, which would have the effect of increasing the

lineup at the welfare offices in the Kingston area, but that wouldn't be in our sphere of influence.

We would keep the Director however, because from my observations of him at committee meetings, he would make a perfect P.R. man for our new republic, something like our own Kissinger.

One of the greatest benefits of this move would be that we would no longer have to wait for the Federal Department of Public Works to have things done such as a floor for the gymnasium or hot water in the "hotel units" in cell blocks 1, 2 and 3, but could rely on our own men to complete these projects in less time and at a lesser cost than any government department could possibly conceive of doing it for.

There are a million more possibilities conceivable under this scheme, but I'll let it rest there for the time being. In the meantime give it some thought.

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Laughter is the primeval attitude towards life --a mode of approach that survives only in artists and criminals. - Oscar Wilde-

BULLETIN BOARD

APPLICATION FOR CHRISTMAS TEMPORARY ABSENCE

The deadline for Christmas Temporary Absence applications this year is 1600 hours on the 1st of December, 1975. They will be heard shortly after that date.

An important reminder is that the Classification Officers require about six weeks in order to get updated Community Assessments. So the earlier an application is handed in, the less the chances are of technical difficulties arising on the board.

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PETERBOROUGH --COLLINS BAY BUS SERVICE

The Peterborough branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association has arranged for a bus to be chartered to provide transportation for relatives and friends wishing to visit patients in the Kingston Psychiatric Hospital and have arranged to include in the group using the bus, relatives and friends of inmates in the penitentiaries in the Kingston area.

Any inmate who has friends or relatives in the Peterborough area who would like to use this bus facility, should contact Mr. B. K. Bronk, 263½ George Street, Suite 1, Peterborough. The phone number in Peterborough is 743-2661.

The fare is \$4.00 return, and the bus leaves from the YWCA, Simcoe Street every third Saturday of each month at 9.00 a.m. arriving at Collins Bay at 1.15 p.m. It leaves Collins Bay at 3.45 p.m. for the return trip.

"You're DEPORTABLE!"

by Jim Martin

In the first week of September, the Deputy Director (Security) paid a visit to the Black Culture Group. It goes without saying that he was asked many questions and while not too much satisfaction was derived from his answers, he did pay the Blacks a compliment. He said the Blacks were staying clear of Warden's Court and didn't know whether it was due to the group or not. When asked, why then, aren't the Blacks eligible to receive some of the benefits that other inmates enjoy by obeying the rules and the regulations of the institution, we were told "You're deportable".

Since July, 1974, when I first arrived in prison, I haven't seen one Black alien receive any of the following privileges: Temporary absences, transfers to minimum security camps or day paroles for the purpose of attending colleges, or to work. Whenever the

subject is brought up, the same answer is always given, "You're Deportable", and the speaker automatically considers the subject closed, and becomes indifferent to any argument presented.

This standard was set some years ago when a few aliens were granted temporary absences and left the country. I don't know if any of them were Black, but since then, all Black aliens have been refused T.A.'s transfers to minimum security camps and day paroles. In essence, Black aliens are being punished for a few aliens behaviour in the past.

I stress Black alien, because I know for a fact, that some non-Black aliens are receiving these privileges. The most recent case being a white alien who left the Bay to attend a college. The conclusion is that only Black aliens are being denied these privileges.

Black aliens are given medical T.A.'s and haven't given any trouble on any of these, but when they apply for a pass for any other reason, it becomes a matter for Regional Security and word from Regional Security never arrives. When queries are made, the old standby, "You're deportable" is the reply given.

It is evident that there is a double standard of evaluation when a question of who is to receive benefits arises. A Black alien can serve his sentence in the Canadian prison system and conduct himself according to the rules and regulations but is not eligible for the same benefits as other aliens and Canadians.

It is a fact that if a Black alien is a trouble-maker, the fact that he is deportable doesn't save him from punishment so if being deportable doesn't save him from being punished, why does it make him exempt from receiving privileges when he isn't a trouble maker?

Could racism, prejudice and oppression be the answer?

Our deportable status is causing us to be exempt from the very programs and benefits geared towards helping us to become members of society.

There seems to be a cross-purpose or reverse psychology involved. It is a gross waste of our lives and the taxpayers time and money to keep us here under the pretense of rehabilitation, when in essence, the things that get benefits for others only bring punishment for a black alien.

Think about it!

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As one reads history...one is absolutely sickened, not by the crimes that the wicked have committed, but by the punishments that the good have inflicted.

A man cannot always be estimated by what he does. He may keep the law, and yet be worthless. He may break the law and yet be fine.

- Oscar Wilde -

ALBERTA TRIES CRIMINAL RESTITUTION PLAN

reprint - Globe and Mail

Hundreds of adult criminal offenders in Calgary will get the chance to pay or work to restore damage they have caused rather than going to jail.

Any offenders who are currently serving sentences of six months or more may be released under the same circumstances if the National Parole Board feels they are good risks.

It is all part of a unique three-year study of criminal restitution, financed by the federal and Alberta government and it begins immediately.

Under the program, the first of its kind in North America, adult offenders who have committed property crimes where no violence or threat of violence has been used will get a chance to make restitution to the victim rather than go to jail.

It will apply in cases of vandalism, theft, possession of stolen goods, fraud and breaking and entering where the damage is less than \$5.00.

The guidelines were established by the Alberta Solicitor-General's Department and program co-ordinator Gary Dewarle is convinced it will work.

He says the concept of restitution can bring the human element back into corrections.

"The forgotten man - the victim - will be involved for the first time, at least to the extent that he can meet face-to-face with the offender in front of a mediator," Mr. Dewarle says.

If an agreement can be reached, a restitution contract will be drawn up between the victim and the offender.

"Ideally, the offender realizes he's hurt someone. And ideally the victim realizes the criminal is not an animal, he's also a human being."

"It's the whole thing about bringing the community back into the corrections process."

The study actually will be run by University of Calgary sociologist John Klein and as he puts it: "Those we want to see have a restitution agreement and, with the wisdom of the courts, be kept in the community would be those who are not seen as threats to the community."

Dr. Klein thinks the program can keep out of jails many people who probably should not have been there in the first place.

He says the Canadian Law Reform Commission recently endorsed the idea of restitution, pointing out that most provincial jails are filled with people who simply could not pay fines.

In effect, Dr. Klein adds, provincial jails have become costly and overburdened debtors' prisons, and

the Commission concluded that in Canada there is still one law for the rich and another for the poor.

He thinks the biggest challenge will be to win the support of provincial court judges. "In effect, there has been provision for restitution in the Criminal Code for years," he said. "But by and large, it's been ignored by our judges."

Dr. Klein will confer this week with a number of Calgary judges and other members of the legal profession, and he hopes to convince them the program deserves their support.

"In the past year in Alberta there were about 12 restitution orders made", he said. "We'd like to see a pretty significant increase in that number."

Cost of the first year of the study will be about \$60,000, divided equally between federal and provincial governments.

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Starvation, and not sin, is the parent of modern crime.

- Oscar Wilde -

JOKE PAGE

A merchant, after countless reminders and threats, still could not collect from a delinquent account. In desperation he mailed a snapshot of his wife and seven children with the following notation on the back: "The reason I need the money."

By return mail came another snapshot of a lovely blonde in a bikini posing provocatively. Scribbled on the back of the picture were the words: "The reason I can't pay."

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A man feeling fed up with life decided to commit suicide by hanging himself. A friend came into the room and discovered him with a rope tied around his waist and he inquired what he was trying to do. The man told him that he was going to take his own life.

"But why have you the rope around your waist?" asked the friend.

"Well," said the man, "when I had it around my neck it was choking me".

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The small boy watched, unimpressed, as his sad-faced father ran back and forth across the lawn, towing a spinning kite at the end of a long string. No matter how hard the man pulled, the kite refused to rise more than a few feet off the ground.

His wife stood on the porch shaking her head from side to side, then she called out in a loud voice; "Henry, you need more tail".

The man dropped the kite in disgust. "That's just like a woman," he mumbled. "Last night she told me to go fly a kite".

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A Congressman from the deep South was aiming both bar-

rels at sex education in the schools at a speech he delivered in the church hall. "I don't want my 12-year-old son to hear such filth," he said, "and what's more, I've felt just that way since the day the stork brought him!"

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A missionary deep in the African jungle came upon a witch doctor who was pounding his drum furiously. The missionary inquired what was the matter. "We have no water," explained the witch doctor.

"Oh, I see," said the missionary, "so you're praying for rain."

"Not at all," snapped the witch doctor, "I'm sending for the plumber."

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Amy Vanderbilt, whose book on etiquette has made even Emily Post take a back seat, found herself sitting next to a man she had never seen before at a dinner party one evening. About the time for the main course, he turned to her and said, "The lady on my right says you're Amy Vanderbilt. She's

kidding, isn't she?"

"No, I'm Amy Vanderbilt all right," she laughed.

"In that case," said the man sharply, "what are you doing eating my salad?"

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At a busy corner, a traffic cop saw an old lady waving her arms at him. He stopped all traffic; cars, trucks, taxis, etc. to get to her side. "What is it, lady?" he asked.

The old lady smiled and put her hand on his arm. "Officer," she said in a soft voice, "I just want to tell you that your badge number is the same number as my favorite hymn."

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During the Viet Nam war, a public opinion poll was held at an Indian reservation in New Mexico. 21% of the people there were of the opinion that the U. S. should get out of Viet Nam.

99% of the Indians thought that the U.S. should get out of New Mexico!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1) Used for strengthening electrical impulses.
- 4) Trivial.
- 9) Liquid measure.
- 14) Negative Conjunction.
- 15) Rotoating motor part.
- 16) Love.
- 17) Also.
- 18) Adam's mate.
- 19) File.
- 20) Title. (abbr)
- 21) Fur.
- 23) Stronghold.
- 24) Express displeasure at sporting event.
- 25) Aged.
- 26) Weapon.
- 27) Man's name.
- 28) Celebration.
- 30) Snakelike fish.

- 31) Container.
- 32) A lyric poem.
- 33) Graf ----, German Warshi
- 34) Span.
- 37) Advertisement.
- 38) Woman's name.
- 39) Temporary monetary transaction.
- 40) There.
- 41) Sight peculiarity.
- 43) To arrive.
- 44) Prefix for before.
- 45) Wager.
- 46) A few.
- 47) Article of clothing.
- 48) ---- Gin.
- 50) Pack.
- 51) Segregation. (abbr)
- 52) Golfer's aid.
- 53) Widespread. (as with rum

Sect. Crossword

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- 1) Poker entry.

- 2) Tract of open wasteland.
- 3) To further.
- 4) Pattern
- 5) Wander
- 6) Suffix: denotes follower
- 7) Toward.
- 8) Mistakes.
- 9) Final.
- 10) Mischievous child.
- 11) See 7 down.
- 12) Unsupported report.
- 13) Movie daredevil, -----
Flynn.
- 22) Small island.
- 23) Rank.
- 24) Group.
- 26) Act.
- 27) Ireland.
- 28) Lather.
- 29) Whirlpool.
- 30) Saga.
- 31) Mountains
- 33) Out of temper.
- 34) Round stem.
- 35) Attire.
- 36) New Word
- 38) Rapier.
- 39) Growth.
- 42) Musical Instrument.
- 43) Arrive.
- 44) Organized massacre.
- 46) Sanctuary.
- 47) Recreation. (abbr)
- 48) ----- bath.
- 49) -----s, camera parts.
- 50) Metal.
- 52) Dismiss contemptuously.
- 53) Erodes.
- 54) Tree. (2 words)
- 55) Employer.
- 56) Dines.
- 58) Flower arrangement.
- 59) Body of Water.
- 62) Street. (abbr)

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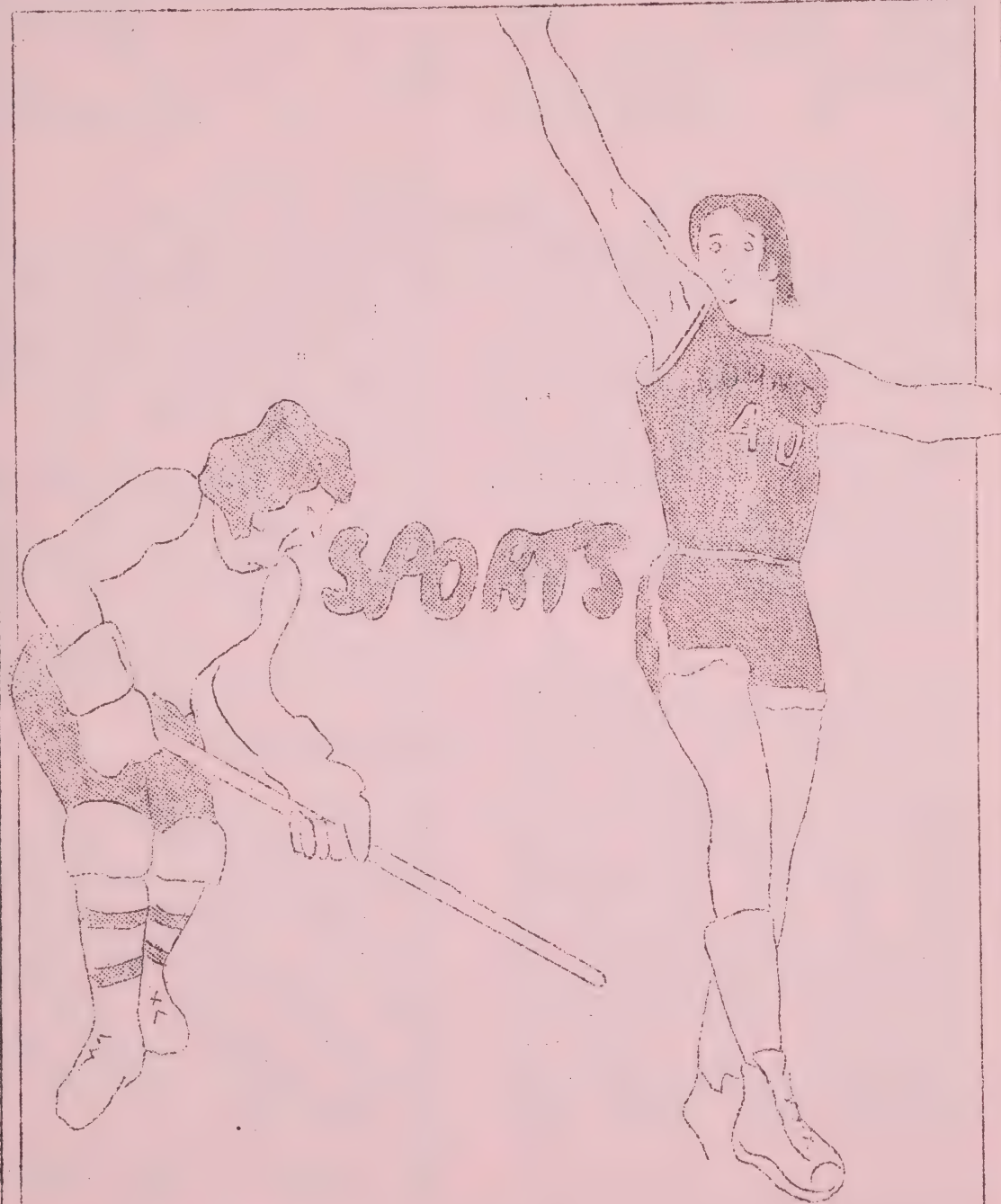
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SPORTS DAY BANQUET

Wayne
Hurlburt

On Saturday, October 4, the second annual Sports Recognition Day for the summer sports programme was held in the gymnasium. This is the official end to organized sports for summer '75.

Approximately 300 persons attended the banquet, a mixture of inmates and their invited guests.

Don Geauvreau was the M.C. this year and was largely responsible for the success of the day.

Highlight of the day was the awards presentation to the winning teams and individuals for their performances over the last five months, not only for baseball, but athlete of the day and for the first time, an added attraction this year, the jogging club which was conceived and led by Gary Blacklock.

Trophies were presented to

Jay Beasley and Paul Minchella who were the co-winners of "Athlete of the Day" honours on Field Day which was held on August 1st.

In Minor League baseball, the Expos swept most of the awards. They not only finished first in the regular season standings but won the play-offs as well. Bob Young of the Expos won the Pitcher of the Year Trophy, and Dave Marshall of the Expos took Rookie of the Year honours.

The only trophies not won by the Expos were Batting Champion which was won by Leo Latendresse of the Pirates, Most Valuable Player which was won by Bob Christian of the Pirates and Manager of the Year which was won by Terry (Nice Guys Finish Last) Forsythe of the Dodgers.

The Major League Trophies were spread out more.

The play-off champions were the Vikings. Centre fielder Gary Barnes of the Vikings shared the Rookie of the Year honours with Robin Stemmler of the "A's".

The "A's" won team trophies for finishing in first place over the regular season. Individual Awards won by the "A's" were batting Champion which was won by Robbie Robinson and pitcher of the Year which was won by Rene Pilon, and Manager of the Year, which was won by Beep McCluskey.

The Most Valuable Player Trophy was won by Wayne Hurlburt of the Yankees.

Congratulations to all of the award winners.

As with all events of this type, the behind the scenes efforts are what helps to make it a success. Special thanks are owed to Bob Hays who was this year's co-ordinator. Working with Bob was Dave Brault, Murray Vance and Joe Amodeo, just to name a few. Dave Campbell once again put his talents to work as he took charge of the refreshments, with some able help from Mel Armstrong and Stu. Lawrence.

A cold plate was served for supper. It included salmon salad, potato salad, tossed salad, macaroni salad, cold meats, celery, cheese and chocolate cake.

Our D.J., sitting over in a corner among the tapes and speakers was Dave Thurston assisted by John Prince.

Two bands, Mixed Nuts and Fore Play, provided live entertainment.

It would be impossible to thank everyone individually who had a part in making the day a success but their efforts were appreciated by all.

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Floor Hockey

Floor Hockey is still a bit shaky at this writing. The league had to be cut from 4 teams to 3 because of a shortage of players.

If the league is to be successful and competitive, more players are needed now.

If anyone wants to play or participate in any way, give your name to R. Tweedale.

Since the teams that are playing now in exhibition games are not necessarily the permanent line-ups, there isn't too much to report on them until the season starts.

We will cover more in the November issue.

VOLLEYBALL

Judging from the lists posted, there seems to be more than enough players for the league. After selecting four teams, there were players left over to make a player's pool.

Wayne Comeau is in charge of Volley Ball and anyone wanting to participate can contact him.

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BASKETBALL

This isn't the most popular of the winter sports to say the least. It is doubtful whether there will be enough players to organize a league this year. Last year, there was very little organization.

and most of the games were just pick-up teams playing against each other. It is beginning to look like the same thing is going to happen this year.

There will be an All-Star team to join the league in downtown Kingston. Thursday nights have been set aside for a double-header. Our team, the Counts, will play the first game against one of the outside teams and the second game will be between two outside teams.

The Counts had pretty good fan support last year and are hoping for more of the same this year.

The Counts, who finished in a tie for third place last year have basically the same team as last year.

Anyone wishing to play basketball should give their names to either Terry Dineen or Don. Geauvreau.

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The AVATAR welcomes Stu Lawrence to its staff of writers. Stu is going to assist Wayne Hurlburt in reporting sports events.

tom harlan
danny worth
l.b.
vernon l. allen



- poetry and prose -

AFFIRMATION

to a child
death is like a star
unreachable, unknowable,
but as time moves,
the child begins to realize
the inevitability
of reaching that star.

perhaps if looked at that way
reaching a goal
one can rest in the feeling of completion.
one cycle of the universe ended
and the beginning of another.

first, you must decide
is there a beginning,
an end,
or is it all
ONE?

a child has no fear of death
a child is pure.
purity negates fear
affirmation through negation.

- tom harlan -

CONVICTED MEN

Here I sit, I contemplate,
In this, my prison cell.
The time, that shall be wasted,
These moments, spent in hell ...

I stop, I think, I realize,
My wife is all alone.
Our children, without their father,
For he cannot come home ...

My thoughts become so ragged,
In my heart a growing pain.
My eyes are shedding tears,
For those who feel the same.

The days are passing slowly,
Each man, when in his cell,
His time being wasted,
His moments spent in hell ...

I stop my painful thinking
I cease my flowing pen,
For all that I have said,
I say for convicted men ...

Remember these, my parting words,
I say to you out there,
So few have tried to understand,
So few, to treat us fair ...

Danny Worth

For Those

For all of those
with fine hair
still upon
roundly faces,
and a voice
one still
can't trust.
With slender thighs
that flow into
freeform strides,
the unmarred eyes
and curious laughter
that can only
be called true.
The open egos
that still find joy
in just being,
and yet
will be crushed
a thousand times
by those unseeing,
so that
the sweet softness
born in men
will become hardened
as some stalked beast
laying in quiet fear
of being found,
or leaping,
with innocent courage
into all minds near.

For all of those
with roughened,
weary faces,
hopeful eyes,
and wars
that have left traces
on the map
that one softer
must idolize.
With hair and heart
somewhat
discoloured now,
and the power rut
that makes men
depart
into lonely lives.
And yet,
there's still the
man who strives
for a greater goal,
who never ran
from the constant search
of his soul.
To the one
who is forever
a boy,
and yet became
so suddenly,
a man.

L.B.

(This poem was submitted by the daughter of an inmate).

BROTHER LOVE

Brother Love! can it solve
To know the reason why?
Brother Love! will it help
Or solve your cry?

It's no use worrying
Over spilt milk.
The whole universe
Was built on spilling it.

Brother Love! try and find
Peace in mind.
Brother Love! have faith
And bide your time.

Geography has brought you here,
Biography will get you there.

Brother Love! give thanks
You are alive.
Brother Love! get hip,
And transform some vibes.

Though you may not shake
The earth like thunder
Remember you have also
Made a terrible blunder.

Vernon L. Allen

Vocational

GRADUATION

DAY

Ceremonies



69 inmates received certificates at the Vocational Graduation Ceremony held in the gymnasium at Collins Bay in September.

Taking part in the ceremonies were the Director, R. H. Duff, the Deputy Regional Director (Inmate Programs) J. D. Clark, the Reverend M.P. Walsh and H. Lucas from Manpower Training Branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

The following inmates received certificates.

CARPENTERS

Barry Brownlee
Roch Duval
David Fuller
George Harvey
Wayne Hurlburt
John Irwin
Gary Mayer
Franklin MacLean

BARBERS

Dennis Fitzgerald
Douglas Lane
David Thurston

BUSINESS MACHINE SERVICING

Darryl Bell
Martin Brewer
Hugh Larmour
Leonard Mowat

ELECTRONICS

Robert Dale
Robert Hay
Harold Hopkins
Harold Hummel
Robert Leneve
Roger Leveille
Larry Walker
John Wesley
Donald Weatherup

MACHINE SHOP

Edgar Hill
Donald Nelson
Gordon Nelson
Roger Turcotte

PLUMBERS

Norman Gerrard
Richard Kowalczyk
William Kutske
James Miller

METALWORKING

Arthur Cluney
Layton Elijah
Gregory Holmes
Jerome Lucifer
Ian Patterson
Nykola Pidscalny
James Pogue
Terrance Rowling
Carl Sangster
Lawrence Serson

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSELS BRANCH WELDING CERTIFICATE F 3

Gregory Holmes
Jerome Lucifer
Nykola Pidscalny
James Pogue
Carl Sangster
Lawrence Serson

WELDING CERTIFICATE F4

Allen Wreaks

MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANICS

Earl Asseltine
Richard Beaudoin
James Cluney
Michael Dolliver
Harold Dowdall
Robert Fitzgerald
Richard Gough
Peter Hodgkin
Richard Leeman
Jack McGee
Wayne Marshall
Douglas MacDougall
Russel McRae
Gary Willis
Joseph Murphy
Raymond Opatowski
Samuel Smythe
Richard Whythe

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Barber's Certificate of Qualification

Dennis Fitzgerald

Welder's Certificate of Qualification

David Brault

NOT TO FLOG THE ISSUE

[reprinted]

by Eric Nichol

The union representing federal prison guards has called for reinstatements of the death penalty for premeditated murder, and of strapping and paddling of "garbage" inmates for breach of prison discipline. (news item)

When all our dreams are
turned to dust,
and nought remains but one
last hope,
we clutch to us the trinity:
the strap, the rope, and
the rope.

Hemp and leather good
they feel
to hands betrayed by fiddle-
faddle.
Raise them high, and glory to
the strap, the rope, and the
paddle!

The Father, Son, the Holy
Ghost?
Irrelevant, baby, to this
rap,

This is where the action's at:
the rope, the paddle, and
the strap.

Well, it's easy to criticize. I don't want to get into a debate on exactly what Christ meant by turning the other cheek. But it seems fair to comment that hanging and strapping and paddling strike a small note of incongruity with Canada's technological triumphs. Even if the federal prison guards had come up with a new design - a cat-o-ten-tails, say, - we might feel more strongly that society is moving ahead, the universe unfolding as it should.

Instead, the prison guards want to revive stock items of the museum of mediaeval instruments of torture. We may fairly wonder how they came to overlook the therapeutic effects of such tried-and-true devices as the rack, the thumbscrew and the iron boot.

True, torture was condemned at the recent Geneva international conference on crime, but none of the despatches mentioned how to define torture as distinct from corporal punishment. A lot of people who shudder at torture are all in favour of corporal unishment, the gibbet being particularly popular in Canada.

At the moment, the only means we have to distinguish torture from capital punishment is that before torture someone says: "Ve haf vays of making you talk." Our federal prison guards don't talk like that, at least not in front of witnesses, and this puts a bonny complexion on flogging. I guess.

Still, it must be awkward for even the most disinterested guard to pick up the strap or the paddle and apply it to the bare backside of a "garbage" prisoner without incurring a dint in his humanity. Although he thinks of the process of raising welts on buttocks as a recycling of refuse, a conservation measure, he must have some doubt that the right end is being served.

Maybe I'm wrong about this. Maybe we have prison guards whose only concern, as they grasp the paddle, is whether to practice their forehand or backhand. I prefer to think not. In the minds of those union members who voted for the return of paddling and strapping and hanging there was most likely the conviction that brutality is a necessary evil.

This assumption is, unfortunately, just that: an assumption. No evidence exists that flogging or hanging is a corrective tenderizing of the prisoner's gristly attitude towards society.

Once we start labelling human beings as "garbage" we open the steel jaw of that great big sanitation truck that did such a grand job of collecting rubbish in Nazi Germany.

We appreciate the fact, guards, that you face some vicious problems. Now let's put our heads together and see if we don't have a choice other than to colour justice black and blue.

HERE & THERE

A man released on mandatory parole reportedly robbed a bank in Montreal and in his attempt to escape, a six-year old boy was killed. The plice say, "it is 95% sure that the bullet that the robber fired through his own head kept traveling and killed the child."

(Translation: the police probably killed the child.) An uproar from the police and the public has resulted in the Solicitor General suggesting that legislation will be introduced whereby prisoners in federal prisons will no longer be given any statutory remission could open a whole new can of worms.

First of all, does anyone really believe that keeping the man in jail for another 293 days would have deterred him from doing what he did?

If the courts are so lenient in sentencing, paroles easily obtained and conditions in

prisons so wonderful, then why did this man kill himself?

In the usual manner, whenever one person does something (and in this case, the person is no longer alive) all prisoners are going to have to pay for it.

Statutory Remission is one of the main factors that keeps the lid on in prisons and the Solicitor General should think things over very carefully before he passes any legislation that is going to cause great unrest in prisons. Removing the carrot and keeping the stick could cause problems.

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The Montreal Star reports that a guard from Archambault prison outside of Montreal had his home bombed. It'd be interesting to know if he was one of the union representatives who suggested the return of the lash, etc.

Special Correctional Unit
just outside Montreal.

To allow penitentiary personnel to do whatever they want to do to prisoners may and I repeat, may, keep the lid on the prisons but

what everybody seems to forget is that the person who is suffering today may be the person who is being released tomorrow and if he happens to explode, his victim or victims may be the very same person who is ignoring what is happening to him now - it could be you!

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The Deputy Commissioner of Penitentiaries (Security) has said that people on the street who are trying to form a prisoners' union are a Marxist-Lenin Group.

Former U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy smiled and turned over in his grave.

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A 50-year-old Ottawa man was sentenced to two years less a day after being convicted of robbing four banks, one charge of attempted robbery and auto theft.

Before every criminal grabs a bus to Ottawa, the rest of the story has to be revealed.

Between the time of his ar-

rest and the time of his conviction, his mother died and left him \$600,000!

It just wouldn't be cricket to send a rich man to a penitentiary. He might learn bad habits from us thieves.

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A study by the New York Police Department revealed that up to 34% of its officers engage in "illicit activity".

In English, this means that 34% of the policemen in New York are crooks.

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Crime is the anti-social form of the struggle for existence.

- Enrico Ferri -

(Cont from page 10)

Hang people convicted of killing! All these responses to crime are after the fact. The horse has already escaped from the barn. It is too late to close the door now. It is better to concentrate on leaving the barn door open!

The situation we are in the process of constructing and perpetrating is, a tautological syndrome. Laws are constructed to deter persons from crime, crime is committed and we punish severely. The prisoner is released only after deep suffering in our prisons and returned to a society that refuses to accept anyone that they have put through the system. A system that upholds societies' values and laws that supposedly are constructed to help all.

In fact, criminal offenders are used as scapegoats for societies' moral decadence. The real issues are being avoided. Humans are in doubt about the purpose of mankind. We do not know the purpose of justice and laws.

Laws are not tools to be used to harm people, but to assist in reinforcing the values held by the commun-

ity, but if the values of the community are built upon questionable principles, then so will the laws that are drafted.

Hopefully, people will concern themselves with supporting laws and the drafting of them, which will do the greatest to uphold principles of dignity for all mankind, and not subjugate the offender to the state of the victim, because then society is guilty of breaking a law - God's law.

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Sometime when you are feeling important, sometime when your ego is in bloom, sometime when you take it for granted you're the best qualified in the room, just follow these simple instructions and see how it humbles your soul. Take a bucket and fill it with water, put your arm in it up to your wrist, then, pull it out. The hole that is remaining is the measure of how you'll be missed.

- Unknown -

Politicians are like ships; noisiest when lost in a fog!

- Emmet Hughes -



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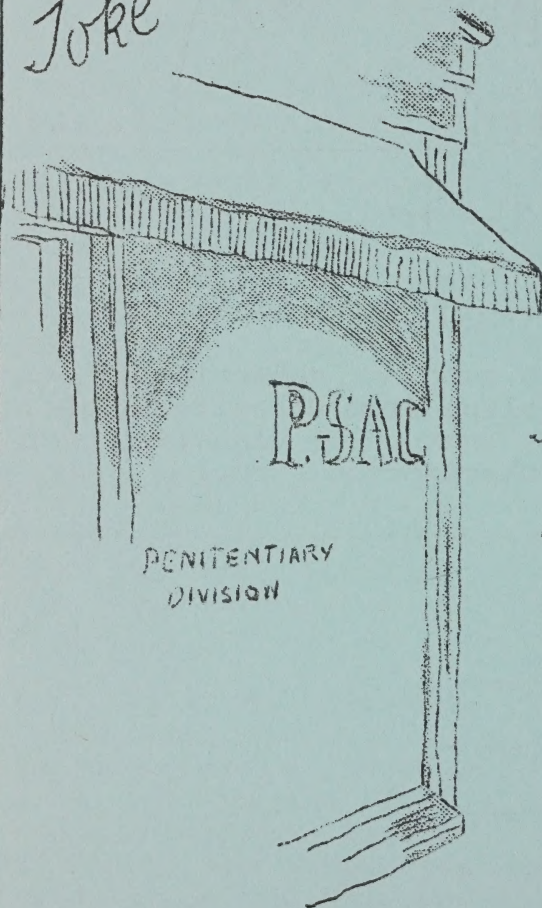
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Loke says: "The law  
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